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FROM

THE MINUTES

OF

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

OF

FRIENDS.

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode Island, commencing with public meetings for worship at Newport and Portsmouth, on first day the 14th; and for discipline at Newport on second day morning, the 15th of sixth month, 1857.

By the Reports received from our Quarterly Meetings, it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz:

From Rhode Island—John Meader, Joseph Metcalf, David Buffum, Ellis Gifford, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Thomas Harkness, Perez Peck and Timothy C. Collins.

From Salem—Samuel Boyce, Daniel Beede, Moses Huntington, Jr., Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Josiah D. Challis, John Page, Edward L Gove and Solomon Varney.

From Sandwich—David K. Akin, Calvin Shepherd, Moses Smith, Edmund Gardner, John W. Gifford, Benjamin Potter and William C. Taber.

From Falmouth—Thomas Jones, Henry M. Minott, Thomas Estes, Caleb Jones and Joshua Cobb.

From Smithfield—Thomas Grover, John Osborne, Edward Earle, Buffum Chace, Charles Hadwen and Arnold Aldrich, 2d.

From Vassalboro'—Caleb Nichols, John D. Lang, Thomas B. Nichols, Ebenezer Frye, Stephen Jones, Hartwell A. Jenkins and Aaron Buffum.

From Dover—Benajah Buffum, Isaiah Frye, Oliver Meader and Amos D. Purinton.

From Fairfield — George Richardson, Reuben T. Jones, Joseph Taylor, Moses Bailey, Samuel Taylor, Jr., Jacob H. Vining, William Farr, Alden Sampson and David Douglass,—

whose names being called they were all present except two for whose absence sufficient reasons were assigned.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Priscilla Green, from Great Britain, satisfactory certificates from Thaxter Monthly Meeting, held at Dunmoor, in the county of Essex, England, the 27th of 3d mo., 1856—the Quarterly Meeting of Essex, held 4th mo. 8th, 1856, and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders held in London, the 19th, 20th and 31st of 5th month, 1856—were read, expressive of the unity of those meetings with her as a Gospel Minister and in her present engagement in the service of Truth in our land.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friend Mary Nicholson, who is engaged with our friend Priscilla Green in religious service amongst us, who produced satisfactory certificates from the Monthly Meeting of Pardsham, held the 17th of sixth month, 1856; the Quarterly Meeting of Cumberland and Northumberland, held at Wigton the 26th of sixth month, 1856; and from the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held in London the 11th of eighth month, 1856; all expressing unity with her as a Minister of the Gospel, and with her present religious engagement.

Our beloved friends, Daniel Wood and Jonah Hole, of

Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting; Ellwood Ozbun, of Elk Monthly Meeting, Indiana Yearly Meeting; William H. Chace, of Scipio Monthly Meeting, New York; Anna Thornburgh, of Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, Indiana; and Deborah C. Hinsdale, of New York Monthly Meeting, being acceptably in attendance of this Meeting, satisfactory certificates from their respective Meetings expressive of unity with them as Ministers, and with their present religious engagements were read.

We have also the acceptable company of our beloved friends Elizabeth Wood, accompanying her husband, Daniel Wood; Sarah Hole, who accompanies her husband, Jonah Hole; David Pegg, companion to our friend Ellwood Ozbun; Solomon Macy, accompanying our friend Anna Thornburgh; Maria Willetts, companion to our friend Deborah C. Hinsdale; and William Cromwell, accompanying our friends Priscilla Green and Mary Nicholson; and satisfactory testimonials from their respective meetings were received.

The London General Epistle for 1856, was read, and we feel that its contents are adapted to our instruction and edification, and desiring to lay it before friends generally and commending it to their careful attention, we appoint our friends William C. Taber and George Howland, jr., to cause a re-print of 3500 copies, to be apportioned to our several Quarterly Meetings, and forwarded by the representatives now attending this Meeting.

Acceptable and very interesting Epistles addressed to this meeting, by our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, (both of the last and present year,) Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana were received, and our dear friends were brought very near to us in the feeling of brotherly love and unity, which is so precious to and so becomes brethren professing the same faith and the same hopes in the Gospel—and we appoint the following friends to prepare essays of communications to those several meetings, as way opens for it, and present them to a future sitting; viz:

John Meader, John D. Lang, George Richardson, Daniel R. Bailey, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Boyce, Caleb Jones, George Howland, Jr., Samuel Taylor, Richard Battey, William C. Taber, Newell Hoxie, Benjamin H. Jones, William P. Howland, Moses Huntington, Jr., Alden Sampson, Joseph Metcalf, William A. Robinson, Obadiah Chace, Henry M. Minott, John Osborne, Stephen Jones and Thomas Grover.

The several Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the necessary attention to the payment of the stock directed to be raised by this Meeting last year; and we appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, William Gifford, Henry M. Minott, Edward Earle, Charles Cates, Benajah Buffum and Moses Bailey to settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised for the use of this meeting, the present year, and the name of a friend for Treasurer.

By the Reports now received, we are informed that *Rhode Island* Quarterly Meeting has united with Providence Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances, in the ministry of Gilbert Congdon, and in the appointment of Sarah F. Tobey and Mary Almy Smith to the station of Elders—with Greenwich Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Marenus Parker, and with Swanzey Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Thomas S. Gifford to the same station; and the same meeting reports the decease, on the 11th of 8th month, 1856, of Theophilus Shove, an Elder, aged 80 years, 5 months, and 7 days—on the fifth of 3d month, 1857, of Edward Wing, an Elder, aged 84 years, 9 months, and 12 days, and on the 8th of 4th month, 1857, of Susanna Hathaway, an Elder, aged 75 years and 11 months. *Salem* Quarterly Meeting informs us that it has united with Seabrook Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Daniel Beede to the station of an Elder, and with Salem Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Olivia C. Oliver and Eliza B. Boyce, to the same station. From the same meeting we have the information of the decease, on the 28th of 2d month, 1857, of Estes Newhall, an Elder, aged 86 years, 5 months, and 19 days, and

on the 31st of 8th month, 1856, of Cornelia Page, an Elder, aged 82 years, 6 months, and 13 days. *Sandwich* Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Nantucket Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Matthew Barney, to the station of an Elder, and also the decease, on the 26th of 7th month, 1856, of Abraham Russell, an Elder, aged 83 years, 4 months, and 15 days, and on the 26th of 7th month, 1856, of Esther Newett, an Elder, aged 92 years, 11 months, and 10 days. *Smithfield* Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Smithfield Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Lydia B. Coe, and in the appointment of Buffum Chase and Thisby Andrews, to the station of Elders, and with Bolton Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of David Babcock, Greely Dow, and Elizabeth W. Babcock, to the same station. *Vassalboro'* Quarterly Meeting informs that it has united with Vassalboro' Monthly Meeting, in acknowledging the gift and approving the public appearances in the ministry of Thomas B. Nichols, and with the same meeting, in the appointment of Sarah N. Jenkins and Fanny Cole, to the station of Elders, and with Unity Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of John Moulton, Peace Moulton, and Hannah R. Taber, to the same station,—and likewise of the decease, on the 2d of the 12th month, 1856, of Comfort Jepson, a Minister, aged 64 years, and on the 20th of 6th month, 1856, of Asa Jones, a Minister, aged 59 years, and 11 months. *Dover* Quarterly Meeting reports its unity with Sandwich Monthly meeting, in the appointment of Elizabeth Varney,—with Dover Monthly Meeting, in the appointment of Daniel Meader and Jesse Roberts, and with Berwick Monthly Meeting in the appointment of Cynthia Buffum, to the station of Elders. *Fairfield* Quarterly Meeting reports that it has united with Sidney Monthly Meeting, in appointing Mary Coffin, Mary F. Burbank, and Sarah Purinton, to the station of Elders, and also the decease, on the 20th of 9th month, 1856, of Cyrus Dean, an Elder, aged 90 years, and 18 days.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon—met according to adjournment.

John Meader, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the Meeting that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Samuel Boyd Tobey, for Clerk, and Stephen A. Chase, for Assistant Clerk, which being approved, they are appointed to those stations for the ensuing year.

The records of this Meeting for last year were now read. In reading them the attention of the Meeting was turned to a portion of the discipline adopted last year as to the manner of making additions to our meetings of Ministers and Elders, and it was agreed as the understanding and decision of this Meeting, that after such appointment by a Monthly Meeting has been confirmed by the Quarterly Meeting, that such friend, whether Minister or Elder, may then sit in all our select Meetings, without waiting for the information to have been first communicated to those meetings, by the Quarterly Meeting—and the Clerk is directed to transmit this Minute to our subordinate meetings.

The Boarding School Committee presented their Annual Report, which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the friends now under appointment, are continued for the ensuing year, to act in our behalf, in conjunction with a Committee of the women's meeting, in the government and superintendence of the Institution, and they are requested to report to this Meeting, next year. The Report is as follows:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at Providence, have attended to their appointment, and report as follows:

The School has been continued during the two terms of the past year. For the Summer term forty-nine males and sixty three females, and for the Winter term eighty-seven males and seventy-five females were admitted as scholars, and attended the school, nearly all of them for the full terms.

The arrangement with Joseph and Gertrude W. Cartland

as Principals, mentioned in the report of the School Committee last year, has been continued during the year now closed, and under it we believe the various interests of the school have been satisfactorily conducted.

Meetings of the Committee have been held monthly at the School, and members deputed to visit the Institution and inspect its management in the intervals, and we believe that the character of the school has been satisfactory to Friends as it has been encouraging to us.

The assistant teachers employed, have been John F. Rowell, William P. Macomber, Pamelia C. Varney, Elizabeth Arnold, and Anna Mekeel, in the common English branches; Franklin E. Paige in Mathematics; Joseph W. Congdon teacher of Greek and Latin; Alphonse Renaut teacher of French and German; Marianna Stanton and Mary E. Potter, at different times teachers of Drawing; and instruction has been given in needle-work by Gertrude W. Cartland, assisted by other teachers.

The usual branches of an English education have been taught, and instruction in the languages given, and the Committee have arranged for a course of study for such as wish the full benefit of a systematic education, as suggested in the report last year. Care has been continued to promote the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and of the principles of our religious society.

Meetings for worship on First Day mornings, have been continued in the school house as usual—the scholars at other times attending Friends Meetings in Providence. At most of the meetings held at the Institution, members of the Committee, or other concerned Friends have been in attendance, and they have been held to good satisfaction.

The examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by members of the School Committee, and of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on Education, and other Friends, and they have been occasions of much interest.

The health of the scholars has generally been good, and

becoming order and harmony have been well maintained both in the school and family.

The accounts of the Institution have been examined, and the result may be stated as follows:

CHARITABLE FUND.

In Treasurer's hands last year, - - - -	$126 25
Receipts for the year, - - - - -	448 75
	$575 00
Payments for the board and tuition of twelve scholars, one term each, - - -	480 00
In hands of Treasurer at this time, - - -	95 00
	$575 00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts from income of School Fund, - -	$6,636 06
" " old account of Manufacturers Bank,	66 74
	$6,702 80

Payments, (exclusive of those provided to be paid by the Principal)

Fire insurance, - - - - - - -	$165 00
Repairs of school premises, - - -	1,084 63
To Joseph Cartland on contract, - - -	3,000 00
	$4,249 63
Which deducted from the receipts leaves an excess of, - - - - - - - -	2,453 17

Of which excess $682 08 is in the Treasurer's hands, and the balance has been applied to the payment of interest and principal of the debts of the Institution—

Leaving the present debt, less the balance in the Treasurer's hands, - - - - - - - - -	$3,817 92
This debt as reported last year was, - -	5,922 22

It will be seen therefore that the principal of the debt has been lessened the past year, $2,104 30.

This result encourages the expectation that the school may be maintained usefully and the debt before long discharged.

We would propose, that the Summer term should commence as at present on Fourth Day before first Fifth Day in the fifth month, and continue twenty-one weeks; and that the Winter term should also commence as at present, on Fourth Day before the first Fifth Day in the eleventh month, and continue twenty weeks; and that there should be no intermission of these terms by any recess during their continuance, and that the charge for board and tuition be the same as last year, viz, $40 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, $60 for members of other Yearly Meetings, and where one or both parents are members of our religious society, or the scholars are sent at the charge of such members; and $100 for any others who may be admitted. That $5 per term additional charge continue to be made for instruction, either in the Ancient Languages, in French, or in Drawing, books and stationery being furnished as heretofore at actual cost.

We refer again to certain regulations, as heretofore agreed upon by the Yearly Meeting, respecting the times of payment, manner and times for the admission of scholars, &c., which accompanied the report of the School Committee last year; and we regret to find that these regulations, as respects the terms of payment and punctuality in attendance at the commencement of the terms of the school, are not so carefully observed as is desirable.

In conclusion, we may express our belief, that the Institution continues to be useful in promoting the objects of Friends in its establishment.

Providence, sixth month, 2d, 1857.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE, *Clerk.*"

Regulations referred to in the above report of the School Committee.

"As the number to be admitted is limited to eighty of each

sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine how many others, if any, may be received.

Application should therefore be made for members of our Yearly Meeting, seasonably to be laid before the Committee at their Meetings to be held on Third Day, before the first Fifth Day in the 3d and 9th months—as heretofore determined by the Yearly Meeting.

At this Meeting applications for the admission of members of our Yearly Meeting will have precedence of all others.

After this time, applications for the admission of scholars will be considered in the order in which they are made.

Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund, are requested to send their applications as heretofore, in season for the Meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. And friends are requested to observe the various regulations adopted by the Yearly Meeting, in order for admission of scholars into the school.

It is desired that payment for each term be made in advance, but if in any case this is not practicable, one half to be made at the commencement, and the balance at the middle of the term.

It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the Principals within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified, shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege unless again admitted by the Committee; and in all cases of children being admitted for the term, and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term.

Friends of pupils, and others, visiting the school, will in

future be expected to defray the expense arising to the Institution.

Application for admission into the school, and for the benfit of the Charitable Fund is to be made to the Principals.

Address JOSEPH CARTLAND,

Principal Friends Boarding School, Providence, R. I."

[Committee—Samuel Boyd Tobey, Joseph Metcalf, Stephen A. Chase, Samuel Boyce, George Howland, Jr., William C. Taber, Henry M. Minott, Caleb Jones, John Osborne, Edward Earle, John D. Lang, Ebenezer Fry, Benajah Buffum, Tobias Meader, Alden Sampson, Samuel Taylor, Rowland Greene, David Buffum, John Meader, William A. Robinson, Gilbert Congdon, Gideon C. Smith, Nathan Breed, of Lynn, Thomas Harkness, James Dennis,

Eunice Metcalf, Sarah F. Tobey, Olivia C. Oliver, Miriam F. Breed, Rhoda Howland, Dorcas F. Tucker, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minott, Mary B. Farnum, Elizabeth A. Osborne, Ann Elmira Lang, Lavinia Fry, Hannah G. Sawyer, Phebe H. Meader, Lucy J. Hawkes, Lydia Taylor, Eliza B. Boyce, Ann B. Earle, Anna T. Dennis, Rachel S. Howland, Mary E. Breed, Susan Howland, Mary A. Smith and Elizabeth Meader.]

We appoint our friends Thomas Harkness, Micajah C. Pratt, David Kelly, Caleb Jones, Richard Battey, Thomas B. Nichols, Jesse Roberts and Joseph Taylor, to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries received at this time and present it to our next sitting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, the 16th, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. Representatives present except one.

The meeting entered upon the annual consideration of the state of Society and was favored with a precious covering of solemnity. As in former years, the answer to the 1st query from our subordinate meetings manifested a deficiency in the due attendence on the part of some of our members of the meetings established for the worship of our Heavenly Father

and we were introduced into deep exercise in consequence of it, and much pertinent counsel was offered, and pathetic appeals were made, calculated to incite to greater faithfulness in the discharge of this high duty. The time that we shall be permitted to continue in this state of being, is known only to Him who giveth us "life and breath and all things," and it becomes us very frequently to look forward to the termination of our sojourn on earth, and endeavor to realize what then will be the view that we shall be brought to take of the use of time. It is then we shall know that we have devoted it, in by far to too great an extent, to the pursuit after those things which perish with the using—to the gratification of our fancied pleasures—to the attainment of the treasures of this present world, rather than to the service of Him, before whom we are then to stand—and to the laying up for ourselves treasure in Heaven. If we duly regard the first and great commandment—if we really love God, as is therein enjoined, we shall rejoice to unite with our fellow believers in rendering to him worship and praise—in manifesting before men our fidelity, our allegiance and our gratitude to Him—bowing humbly before Him, under a sense of his Almightiness, and our own nothingness—of his riches and our poverty. Let us continually bear upon our hearts, the love and mercy of our God to us, blessing us every day of our lives, granting unto us what is required for our temporal necessities, but above all let us dwell on His matchless provision for our salvation through His own beloved Son, who for our sakes became poor, and in the form of a servant walked among men. If we realized our dependence upon this manifestation of love and mercy, if we felt the infinite importance of things pertaining to a future life in comparison with the present, we should not only be fearful of omitting to render unto Him all that He calls for at our hands, but should rejoice in being permitted to offer unto Him every sacrifice that He will condescend in His mercy to accept. All true disciples of Jesus are engaged to keep the eye fixed upon him for guidance, the

ear opened to hear His gracious words, and loving Him, are prepared to testify that they have witnessed His gracious promise verified in their experience, that when they have met in His name, however few in number, He has been with them, and in great mercy has been pleased to break unto them the bread of life, that bread without which we must all utterly perish. Friends were earnestly exhorted to be faithful in encouraging one another in the discharge of this important duty, taking each other by the hand, saying, come brother, let us go together into the house of the Lord, the place for the offering of prayer. Parents were tenderly entreated to take with them to our meetings, their precious children, looking humbly unto the source of all good for a blessing upon their engagement. Love to brethren is a necessary and invariable fruit of love to God, and deep has been our exercise that love and unity may more and more abound, and that talebearing and detraction, so degrading in their nature, should not be so much as named among us.

Believing as we religiously do, and as this Society has always believed, that the Holy Scriptures were written by holy men of old as they were moved by the Holy Ghost, that they are able to make wise unto salvation through faith in Christ Jesus; that they are they which testify of Him, our only hope of salvation, an earnest concern was manifested to encourage every individual and every family to a sacred regard for, and daily reverent perusal of them.

Having proceeded with the queries and answers to the 3d inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to 4 o'clock.

In the afternoon Friends again assembled, and continued in the consideration of the state of Society by reading the remaining queries and answers.

By the reports received it appears that the testimonies of truth are pretty well maintained in our various meetings, yet we desire the encouragement of Friends to unflinching faithfulness in their support before the world, that others seeing

their good works may be brought to glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

And while we have been thus exercised on account of the state of Society as now presented to us, our feelings, both at the present and at a previous sitting, have been enlarged and extended towards those who were formerly members of our religious Society, and this Yearly Meeting has been concerned to encourage Friends every where within our limits to continue to cultivate love and christian charity towards those who have separated from us, that if it be the will of the great Head of the church that any of these should return to us the door may be kept open for them to do so, in the good order of our religious society. We are comforted in believing that the spirit of restoring love has been cherished among us, and we trust, that where any of the class alluded to are drawn to return, its manifested prevalence may prove encouraging and strengthening to them.

Smithfield Quarterly Meeting proposes that the time of holding the Select Quarterly Meeting at Worcester in the second month, be changed from two to three o'clock of the day on which it is now held, with which this meeting unites.

Having at this meeting the acceptable company of our beloved friend Delana Bond, companion of our friend Anna Thornburgh, a satisfactory testimonial on her behalf from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, was read.

The committee on correspondence is requested to prepare and present to a future sitting, suitable minutes for our friends, with certificates, now in attendance of this meeting from other Yearly Meetings on this continent.

A testimony of Salem Monthly Meeting, approved by Salem Quarterly Meeting, concerning our beloved ancient friend Estes Newhall, deceased, was received and read. We have felt our loss in the absence, at this time, of our dear friend from his accustomed seat in this meeting, and desiring that his long and steady example of christian simplicity and faithfulness may be followed by us, and that we may mark his end

of peace, the testimony, which is approved by this Meeting, is directed to be recorded.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fourth, Day Morning the 17th, Friends assembled according to adjournment. The representatives present except one.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year, were laid before us and read, and the proceedings of that Meeting in relation to the various subjects that have claimed its attention, are satisfactory to this Meeting; and we appoint our friends John Osborne, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas Estes, Edmund Gardner, Stephen A. Chase, John D. Lang, Thomas S. Gifford, Samuel Boyd Tobey, Samuel Taylor, David Kelley, Edward Earle, Stephen Jones, Daniel Shepherd, David Buffum, William C. Taber, Caleb Jones, Samuel Boyce and John Meader to propose to a future sitting the names of Friends to compose a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

The Meeting for Sufferings having, in pursuance of the direction of this Meeting last year, raised a sum of money for the purpose of equalizing the travelling expenses of Friends of this Yearly Meeting attending the same, and having appointed our friend Micajah C. Pratt as Treasurer of this fund, and a committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting to attend to the collection and appropriation thereof, these proceedings and appointments are approved and confirmed by this Meeting.

The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed that Friends' Meeting House and lot on Milton Place, in Boston, should be sold and the proceeds thereof invested in a fund to be preserved for the purpose of providing a Meeting House for Friends in Boston, should this be deemed desirable at any future day, and the income in the meantime from year to year appropriated to such purposes as this Meeting may direct; the proposition is approved and sanctioned by us, and the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to attend to the subject and effect a sale of said property whenever in its judgment

it may be advantageously done, and invest the amount received for such sale, as proposed; and the Treasurer of this Meeting is authorized when requested to do so by the Meeting for Sufferings, to execute, on our behalf, the necessary deeds of conveyance, attaching his seal thereto as the seal of this Yearly Meeting.

Testimonies of Berwick Monthly Meeting, approved by Dover Quarterly Meeting, concerning our late beloved friends Joseph Brackett and Salome C. Brackett, were received and read, and unity with these testimonials respecting our late dear friends was feelingly expressed, and it was directed that they be recorded.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Afternoon, met by adjournment.

The committee on Education presented the subjoined report, which is interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and we desire to encourage the committee to continue to give their attention to the objects of their appointment, believing that advantage has resulted from their care and labors. The friends now under appointment are continued a committee on this interesting subject and requested to report to this Meeting next year, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee on Education report:

That as in former years circulars have been addressed to correspondents in each Monthly Meeting, calling for statistical information, and from the answers received the following summary has been compiled, viz:

Number of children in the Yearly Meeting between the ages of 4 and 16 years,	1019
No. between 16 and 21 years, - -	450
" of Monthly Meeting Schools, -	2
„ " Preparative Meeting Schools, -	1
" " Family Schools, - - -	4
" " Children attending Friends' Schools, exclusively as such, - -	161(estimated)

No. of Children attending mixed schools, 1136
" " these schools taught by Friends, 54
" " Children taught by Friends in mixed schools, reported as such, - 165
" " Members of Society within our limits who have been engaged in teaching, 102
" " Children that have attended the Yearly Meeting Boarding School, 99
" " First Day Schools taught under the care of friends, - - - 25
Average continuance of these schools, about 6 months.
No. of children attending the same, - 579
" " " " who are members of our religious Society, 422

Several meetings of the Committee have been held during the year which have afforded an opportunity for a full interchange of views upon the subject referred to us, and we believe that the interest felt by friends in the cause in which we have been engaged continues unabated, and the Committee are encouraged in the persuasion from actual observation within our limits that the guarded education of our youth is an interesting object of concern to a large, and we trust an increasing number of Friends.

Soon after the organization of the Committee, in view of the intimate connection which our Yearly Meeting Boarding School has with the important interest confided to us, and to insure the attendance of some of our number at the semi-annual examinations of that Institution, a few Friends were appointed to that service who have at this time made an interesting report.

We were particularly interested in learning from this report that there is an increase in the number of those who are desirous of extending their stay at the school and of thus availing themselves of a more liberal course of study than is otherwise attainable; and we believe that the course adopted by the School Committee (as published in the annual catalogue)

and which has been entered by a number of pupils, will commend itself to general favor; while it may be fairly presumed that the standard required for obtaining the diploma of the Institution will be gradually and perhaps considerably elevated.

We regret to observe the considerable decrease in the number of children reported as attending select schools while we are at the same time gratified to learn that upwards of one hundred of our members have during the past year been engaged in teaching within our limits.

Gladly would we be able to report an increased number of select schools not only on account of the undoubted need of all these auxillaries, both at present and prospectively, as regards the preservation and prosperity of our Society, but especially as furnishing an evidence of that careful home culture which we trust a large number of concerned Friends continue to appreciate and maintain. For we believe it will generally be found that the more care is given to scriptural and religious instruction at home, the more will Friends value both the select and the First Day school. On the subject of family instruction, which has often claimed our consideration, we would remark that from an early day Friends have regarded it as an important part of that religious and guarded education which they so carefully inculcated. The enlarged mind of George Fox was early engaged in the cause of education and in the establishment of schools for instructing the young "in whatsoever things are civil and useful in the creation," thus embracing a wide range and showing that he held no narrow view of the benefits of that "good instruction" which, as William Penn observes, "is better than riches." He frequently visited these schools and appeared deeply interested in their progress, but on the subject of family training his advice often repeated may perhaps at this time be briefly revived. Very clear was his view of the christian duty of family instruction and exhortation, an engagement we believe not only a part of our reasonable service as christian parents, but

one often greatly blessed to those who are exercised therein. He says, "*All* Friends, train up your children in the fear of God." "Dear Friends exhort all your families at times and seasons that they may be informed in the Truth." When you were *professors only* many of you did inform and instruct them in the *form* when you had not the *power*, and now being brought into the truth ye should be *more* diligent to exhort and instruct them. Again, "It is desired that all Friends who have children, families and servants may train them up in the pure and unspotted religion, and in the nurture and fear of God, and that frequently they read the Holy Scriptures, which is much better than to be gadding abroad, and exhort and admonish them that every family apart may serve and worship the Lord as well as in public. Therefore consider, you that profess the new covenant of the Spirit, what care lies upon you in your families, of teaching and instructing your servants and children." Unfaithfulness herein has, we fear, been prolific of sad fruits, both in individual cases and in the experience of our Society, while an increased care and labor in this regard would, we believe, be attended with the Divine blessing.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL AUSTIN, *Clerk.*

Newport, sixth month, 17th, 1857.

[*Committee.*—George Bowen, Joseph Macumber, Jonathan Freeborn, Chas. W. Earle, Thos. S. Gifford, Abner Slade, Samuel Austin, Caleb M. Paine, Timothy C. Collins, Abel F. Collins, Charles F. Coffin, Jr., Joseph Nichols, Josiah D. Challis, Thomas Folsom, Thomas W. Thorndike, Joseph Hoag, Stephen T. Dillingham, Newell Hoxsie, Nathan T. Shepherd, Samuel Brown, Isaac R. Potter, George W. Francis, Adrian Davis, John Macumber, Henry T. Wood, Wm. R. Taber, Mathew Barney, Abm. R. Wing, Rufus Horton, Harrison Magoon, Stephen Sweet, Joseph Cartland, Oliver Pope, Elisha Jones, John Cartland, Abraham Winslow, David Babcock, John E. Fry, Samuel H.

Colton, Timothy K. Earle, Wm. Cook, Wm. H. Aldrich, Eli Jones, Alfred H. Jones, Thos. B. Nichols, Joseph H. Cole, Wm. Taber, Joseph H. Pratt, Walter Sawyer, Jonathan Nutter, Albert C. Buffum, Timothy B. Hussey, Ezra Gould, Lewis Hoag, Wm. A. Sampson, Levi Jones, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Winslow, Joseph Winslow, Randall Stewart,

Elizabeth T. Chase, Mary Rodman, Sarah Slade, Maria Buffington, Phebe Reynolds, Mary Ann Sisson, Electa Jane Collins, Dorcas G. Babcock, Dorcas B. Robinson, Susan Shove, Eunice B. Boyce, Anne A. Chase, Mary T. Gove, Cynthia W. Huntington, Sabina A. Page, Hannah Page, Phebe Kelley, Elizabeth Dillingham, Susan Shepherd, Maria Brown, Phebe R. Gifford, Maria B. Smith, Rebecca Church, Phebe Slade, Sarah Barker, Sarah M. Easton, Anna G. Wood, Susan G. Kempton, Mary B. Osborne, Abigail Hodges, Mary R. Hadwin, Abigail Wheeler, Sarah C. Fry, Lucy Collins, Hannah Meader, Nabby Bean, Eunice J. Rich, Esther Jones, Maria Pope, Jane Pope, Nancy Frost, Anna Milliken, Lydia P. Fry, Rachel B. Nichols, Mary R. Jones, Rachel Jones, Hannah Taber, Elizabeth T. Cook, Sarah B. Roberts, Mercy Osborne, Cynthia Buffum, Hannah Morrell, Sarah Hoag, Abigail C. Beede, Cynthia F. Jones, Elizabeth G. Sampson, Phebe Taylor, Sarah Winslow, Eunice Winslow and Sarah Maria Stewart.]

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the Indians located west of the Mississippi make the following Report, which is satisfactory to us and the Committee is continued and encouraged to attend to the object of their appointment in any way that may be opened in the Truth—viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee under appointment to have charge of the concern of the Yearly Meeting on the subject of the Indians residing west of the Mississippi river, report

That the subject has claimed their attention during the past year, and although they have not been engaged in any active service, they believe there may be something yet for Friends to do for these much injured people.

The subject has claimed the attention of our friends of New York, and at their late Yearly Meeting they appointed a Committee to unite with similar Committees of other Yearly Meetings in considering or acting as may seem best in the concern of Friends for the improvement of these people.

A portion of that Committee have attended with us at the meeting of our Committee at this time, as well as one member of the Committee on Indian affairs of Indiana Yearly Meeting.

With these Friends we have had a free conference on the subject of our appointment, and various matters of interest relating thereto have been considered.

We are not however prepared at the present time to recommend to the Yearly Meeting any definite action, but believe it may be best for the Yearly Meeting to continue their care upon the subject by a Committee.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOHN D. LANG,
WM. C. TABER.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1857."

[*Committee.*—Stephen A Chase, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, John D. Lang, John Osborne, Samuel Boyce, Samuel Boyd Tobey, George Howland, Jr., Eli Jones, William C. Taber, David Buffum and Joseph Cartland.]

The Committee on the concern of this Meeting for the tribes of Penobscot and Passamaquadda Indians, made the following Report, which is acceptable, and together with the verbal communications of the Committee, has proved interesting to us—and our Committee is continued under appointment, and requested to attend as way may open for it, to the concern of this Meeting and report to us next year, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee having charge of the concern of this Meeting for the improvement of the condition of the Penobscot and Passamaquadda tribes of Indians, report

That the subject has from time to time claimed our attention, but way has not opened for much active service the past year, yet we have the satisfaction of informing that they are gradually advancing in the comforts of civilized life, under the fostering care of the State Government, which is now favorably and successfully extending to them the benefits of education in accordance with the wishes of the Committee.

We would propose that the Meeting continue to extend its care to this hitherto neglected portion of the human family.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN JONES,
JOHN MEADER.

Newport, 6th mo. 16th, 1857."

[*Committee.*—John D. Lang, Asa Jones, Stephen Jones, Joseph Taber, Caleb Jones, Moses Taber, John Meader, Nathan Douglas, Allen Wing, Caleb Nichols, Daniel Taber, Samuel Taylor and Eli Jones.]

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c. made the following report, viz:

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to settle the Treasurer's account, &c. report that they have attended to their appointment, and find a balance in his hands of Ten hundred and fifty-two and $\frac{35}{100}$ dollars—and propose that one thousand dollars be raised for the use of this Meeting—and David Buffum for Treasurer.

For the Committee,

THOMAS HARKNESS.

Newport, 6th mo., 17th, 1857."

which is acceptable, and our Quarterly Meetings are requested to forward their several proportions of $1000, the sum proposed to be raised, to our friend David Buffum, whom we appoint our Treasurer.

The Committee appointed to propose the names of Friends

to compose a Meeting for Sufferings, presented the following, which are approved and they are appointed to act on our behalf, according to the original organization and purposes of that Meeting, during the ensuing year, viz: Rowland Greene, John Osborne, David Buffum, Perez Peck, William Reynolds, Joseph Metcalf, John Meader, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John D. Lang, Samuel Taylor, Edmund Chace, Allen Wing, Samuel Boyce, Joseph Taber of Albion, Timothy C. Collins, Thomas Harkness, Stephen Jones, David K. Aiken, Stephen A. Chase, David Douglass, William Farr, William C. Taber, Tobias Meader, Micajah C. Pratt, Thomas Jones, George Howland, Jr., Benajah Buffum, Caleb Jones, Alden Sampson, Wm. A. Robinson, Stephen Beede, Gilbert Congdon, Richard Battey, Ebenezer Frye, Henry M. Minott, Elisha Jones of Windham, John Page, Charles R. Tucker, Lemuel Gifford, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Joseph Taylor, George Bowen, Newell Hoxie, David Kelly, Moses Huntington, Jr., Thomas S. Gifford and Edward Earle.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Fifth day afternoon, the 18th, the Meeting again assembled. The Representatives all present except one.

Accompanying the Epistle from our friends of New York we have received the following information respecting correspondents, viz:

In Coeymans Monthly Meeting: Joseph Bedell is appointed in place of John Gritman, removed out of its limits. Address, *Coxsackie, Greene Co., N. Y.*

Farmington Monthly Meeting: Joseph Baker in place of Joseph Underwood, removed. Address, *Macedon, Wayne Co. N. Y.*

Queensbury Monthly Meeting: George B. Eddy, in place of James Mott. Address, *Glenn's Falls, Warren Co., N. Y.*

Moreau Monthly Meeting: Abner De Vol. Address, *Gansvoort, Saratoga Co., N. Y.*

Rasin Monthly Meeting: Peleg C. Haviland, in place of

Charles Haviland, deceased. Address, *Adrian, Lenawee Co. Mich.*

Our brethren of London Yearly Meeting, in their Epistle addressed to us of the present year, inform that they propose forwarding to this Meeting, a document issued by that Meeting, entitled "A salutation in the love of Christ to all who bear the name of Friend," and also "A Minute addressed to parents on the important and interesting subject of early religious training." These documents not having yet come to hand, the Meeting for Sufferings is requested to receive and dispose of on behalf of this Meeting.

The Committee to attend to the apportionment of a reprint of 3500 copies of the London General Epistle, report that they have attended to the service, and the Representatives are requested to convey them to their respective Quarterly Meetings.

The Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf the following minute prepared by the Committee on Correspondence on account of our friend Daniel Wood, and similar minutes for our friends Jonah Hole, Ellwood Ozbun, William H. Chase, Anna Thornburg and Deborah C. Hinsdale, viz:

"Our beloved friend Daniel Wood attended this Meeting. His company and religious services have been acceptable to us."

The Clerk is also directed to sign on our behalf the following minute, prepared by the Committee on Correspondence on account of our friend Solomon Macy, and similar ones for our friends Elizabeth Wood, Sarah Hole, Davis Pegg, Maria Willets, William Cromwell and Delana Bond, viz:

"Our beloved friend Solomon Macy attended this Meeting. His company and solid deportment have been acceptable and satisfactory to us."

Essays of Epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of London, Ireland, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio and Indiana, were presented by the Committee on Correspondence, which were approved by the Meeting, and the Clerk directed to sign them on our behalf, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

The Clerk is requested to cause to be printed 3000 copies of Extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting, and forward them to our subordinate Meetings.

Having been favored to attend to the various important concerns of the Church that have come before us, in harmony and love, and desiring, with humble thankfulness, to commemorate the continued mercy of our Heavenly Father in that he has been pleased, as we reverently trust, to own us from season, to season, during the whole course of this Yearly Meeting, we now solemnly conclude, proposing to meet again on this island, at the usual time, next year, if the Lord permit.

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,

Clerk to the Meeting this year.